

adopted. Mr. Clerk, next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend the committee amendments on page 9, line 16 of AM2326, the Johnson amendment we just adopted. Senator Schmit would move on page 9, line 16 to strike 20 and insert 40.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President and members, the amendment increases the size of the load that can be hauled without regulation from 20,000 pounds to 40,000. And so that no one misunderstands what I'm doing, I want you to know that this will allow a semi load of solid waste apparently to be transported without coming under the regulations that would be required were it...were the limitation kept at 20,000 pounds. The reason for my doing this is that today, a very common way of moving products in this state is by 40,000 pound unit loads by semitrailers. This is an economical way to do it. Today, this might stop the transfer from Council Bluffs waste that is being reloaded from New York City. That may be the desirable result of this amendment. But if, in fact, the City of Grand Island or Kearney, or Lexington, wanted to transport waste to a regional landfill, it is highly likely that the cost will be substantially increased if, in fact, the loads must be hauled under 20,000 pounds so as not to be required to meet the stringent requirements of this amendment. I think that we ought to recognize that today, although it would appear to me, we are trying to cite in on one particular instance that this will not be a rifle shot, but rather it will be a 12 gauge loaded with buckshot that might catch many of us across the State of Nebraska. I would expect that the time will come when, if we adopt the amendment and we probably will, that there will be the demand to either increase the size of the loads to 40,000 pounds so they need not be inspected and come under the stringent requirements, or else there will be a move made to reduce the amount of inspections and requirements, financial and otherwise, that are required. I'm sure that you have all read this amendment section by section, line by line, and understand it better than I do. But in my brief perusal of it, it would appear to me that it carries a substantial economic impact on solid waste disposal in this state. Bear in mind, that eventually that economic impact will be brought to bear upon your own local subdivisions. The last thing that I want to see